GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Haritha Haram Programme
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Telangana has embarked on an ambitious tree plantation called "Haritha Haram" programme and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the State Government of Telangana has requested for funds for implementing this programme in letter and spirit; and
(c) if so, the details of the funds allocated/sanctioned so far for the said programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) The State Government of Telangana is implementing an ambitious tree planting programme named Telanganaku Haritha Haram Programme since last two years. The programme envisages increasing the tree cover of the State from present 25.16% to 33% of the total geographical area of the State. This objective is sought to be achieved by a multi-pronged strategy of rejuvenating degraded forests, ensuring more effective protection of forests against smuggling, encroachment, fire, grazing and intensive soil and moisture conservation measures following the watershed approach. Apart from the above, Social Forestry is given a major thrust by taking up massive plantation activities outside Forest areas including multi-row road-side avenues, river and canal bank, barren hill, tank bunds and foreshore areas, institutional premises, religious places, housing colonies, community abandoned lands etc. The greening efforts will be taken up involving all stakeholders.
(b) & (c) So far, no separate funds were requested from Government of India to implement this Programme.

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